

1 Claims:

2 1. A mixed tea composition comprising:

3 a) from about 30 to about 70 weight percent of a white tea;

4 b) from about 15 to about 50 weight percent of a green tea;

5 c) from about 5 to about 40 weight percent of a yellow tea;

6 the percentage weights being percentages of the total weight of the mixed teas in the
7 composition.

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9 2. A mixed tea composition according to claim 1 wherein each tea comprises an
10 aqueous extract of the respective tea.

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12 3. A mixed tea composition according to claim 2 wherein each tea extract has a
13 predetermined potency as indicated by the concentration of a marker compound.

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15 4. A mixed tea composition according to claim 3 wherein the marker compound is
16 caffeine, optionally at a concentration of about 1 percent by weight of the extract.

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18 5. A mixed tea composition according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of each tea
19 is at least about 20 weight percent based upon the total weight of the mixed tea
20 composition.

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22 6. A mixed tea composition according to claim 3 comprising:

23 a) from about 40 to about 60 weight percent of the white tea;

24 b) from about 25 to about 35 weight percent of the green tea;

25 c) from about 15 to about 25 weight percent of a yellow tea;

26 the percentages being percentages of the total weight of the mixed tea extracts in the
27 composition.

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29 7. A mixed tea composition comprising proportions of white tea, green tea and
30 yellow tea effective to provide inhibition of ultraviolet-induced cell renewal

1 approximately equivalent to that provided by an SPF sunscreen or effective to
2 provide any of the antioxidant or antiactinic properties described quantitatively
3 herein.

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5 8. A human-consumable product comprising from about 0.01 to about 10 weight
6 percent of a mixed tea composition according to claim 1.

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8 9. A product according to claim 4 selected from the group consisting of topical
9 cosmetic compositions, topical dermatological compositions, sunscreens, beverages
10 and foodstuffs.

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